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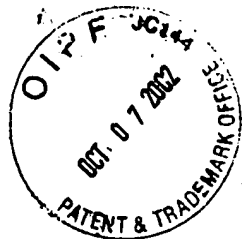
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AMENDMENT A

Dear Madam/Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action dated July 2, 2002. Kindly enter the following amendments:

In the Specification:

Please substitute the following paragraph for paragraph 3 on page 11:

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While not limiting themselves to any particular theory, the present inventors have opined that the relatively high rates of cryo-survival, and embryo development following vitrification of bovine oocytes can be contributed to several factors. The solid metal surface vitrification method used likely achieves a high cooling rate by the combination of microdrops and improved heat exchange by direct contact with a metal surface. The warming of the oocytes is equally as fast by directly dropping the vitrified samples into a warm solution.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1 and 9 without prejudice.

Kindly add claims 36 - 40 as follows: